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HOUSE RESOLUTION 182  
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A RESOLUTION To recognize the many accomplishments and  
contributions of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Peters.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly is privileged to honor those outstanding citizens of our state who have devoted their lives to improving the circumstances of humanity through their untiring efforts and contributions to the work of their churches and in the civic life of their communities and of this state; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Peters of Memphis is one such committed Tennessean who, during her 74 years, has worked tirelessly to serve God and her neighbors wherever she could make a contribution; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of the late Reverend William Kimbrough and Ivory Kirkendall Kimbrough, Mrs. Peters raised five children, Deborah, Kathy, Elgie, Howard and Ira, yet still found time to start her community activism at an early age; and

WHEREAS, While spending much time visiting, feeding, and caring for the elderly and sick, Mrs. Peters is also listed in *Who's Who in American Politics*, and may be found, during election years, campaigning and hosting functions; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Peters is a lifetime member of the NAACP Executive Board, State Representative Barbara Cooper's Advisory Board, the Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc. Board, the Walker Homes and West Junction Community Association, the South Memphis Planning Study Citizen Advisory Committee, the Backyard Gardeners South Memphis Advisory Committee, the City of Memphis Clean Task Force Committee, and the Defense Depot Restoration Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Peters is a Golden Member of her church, having been a member for 52 years; she is also a Holloway Day Care Grandmother, and a former president of the Mitchell High School PTSA, a former vice president of the Ford Road School PTSA, and a former District president of the PTSA; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, August 5, 2001, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Peters was honored with a "This is Your Life" program with special tributes at the Oak Grove Baptist Church; in addition to the special program and speeches from family members, friends and fellow workers in the church, the NAACP, politics, government and the civil rights community, a scholarship fund was established in her name to assist members of Oak Grove Baptist church to attend a four-year accredited college institute; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to salute the outstanding accomplishments of this dedicated community activist and committed Christian; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we join with the members of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, and the family and many friends of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Peters to thank her for her many years of service on behalf of other in her church, her community and state as a dynamic civic activist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we offer Mrs. Peters our best wishes for every happiness and much success and satisfaction in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.